

What is claimed is:

1. An adapter for imparting spin to a ball projected from an apparatus that propels a ball pneumatically from an exit tube, comprising an engaging member that extends beyond an exit end of an exit tube and extends into a path of a ball propelled from the exit tube.
2. The adapter of claim 1, comprising a plurality of engaging members.
3. The adapter of claim 2, wherein the engaging members are mounted on a tubular member that engages an exit tube of an apparatus that propels a ball pneumatically.
4. The adapter of claim 2, wherein the engaging members comprise a bendable and resilient core and a covering.
5. The adapter of claim 4, wherein the core is made of metal.
6. The adapter of claim 5, wherein the covering is made of rubber.
7. The adapter of claim 4, wherein the core has a free end and the cover extends beyond the free end of the core.
8. The adapter of claim 4, wherein at least one lateral groove is provided in a ball-contacting surface of the covering.
9. In an apparatus that pneumatically propels a ball from an exit tube, the improvement comprising an engaging member that extends beyond an exit end of an exit tube and extends into a path of a ball propelled from the exit tube.
10. A position adjuster for an exit tube of an apparatus that propels a ball pneumatically from an exit tube, comprising:

a first member; and

a second member for engaging an exit tube of an apparatus that propels a ball pneumatically from an exit tube, the second member being relatively movable with respect to the first member.

11. The adjuster of claim 10, wherein the first member comprises a T-shaped slot and the second member comprises an aperture, the adjuster further comprising an elongate fastener comprising a first end that extends through the aperture of the second member and a second end that engages the slot in the first member.

12. The adjuster of claim 11, wherein the first end of the fastener is threaded and the adjuster further comprises a bolt threaded on the threaded first end.

13. A platform for an apparatus that propels a ball pneumatically from an exit tube, comprising:

a first surface for supporting an apparatus that propels a ball pneumatically from an exit tube; and

first and second engaging members for engaging a ground-contacting device, provided on a second surface opposed to said first surface;

at least one of the engaging members being movable with respect to the other of the engaging members.

14. The platform of claim 13, further comprising a pair of parallel grooves for carrying the movable engaging member.

15. The platform of claim 14, wherein the first and second engaging members are movable.

16. The platform of claim 14, wherein the grooves have recessed sidewalls.

17. A pneumatic projectile propulsion apparatus, comprising:

a pressure canister for containing a supply of air for pneumatically propelling a projectile, comprising an exit tube through which a projectile is expelled;

a hopper for supplying projectiles to the canister; and

a blower for supplying air to the canister,

wherein the blower is a single electric motor blower that draws less than 15 amps of current, and the apparatus is capable of propelling a tennis ball-sized or baseball-sized projectile at a speed of at least 90 mph.

18. A pneumatic projectile propulsion apparatus, comprising:

a pressure canister for containing a supply of air for pneumatically propelling a projectile, comprising an exit tube through which a projectile is expelled;

a hopper for supplying projectiles to the canister;

a cover that contains a blower for supplying air to the canister, the cover being disposed in the hopper, an outlet of the blower being in fluid communication with the canister.

19. A pneumatic projectile propulsion apparatus, comprising:

a pressure canister for containing a supply of air for pneumatically propelling a projectile, comprising an exit tube through which a projectile is expelled;

a hopper for supplying projectiles to the canister; and

a cover that contains a blower for supplying air to the canister, the canister being carried by the cover and the hopper being carried by the canister.